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## TRANSMITTAL OF SEQUENCE LISTING AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, and the Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825 attached thereto, mailed from the Patent Office on December 27, 2002, copies of which are attached.

Applicant's Attorney requests a 3-month extension of time to respond to the Notice. A Petition for the Extension and the appropriate fees are being filed concurrently.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the "Sequence Listing" submitted on compact disc for the above-identified patent application as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and a copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). As required by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), Applicant's Attorney hereby states that the content of the "Sequence Listing" on the compact disc and the copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form